

I. Listing of the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An inflatable curtain for a vehicle comprising the inflatable curtain formed from at least two super-imposed layers of fabric and having an upper attachment edge provided with a plurality of mounting elements for mounting the inflatable curtain in the interior of the vehicle for deployment adjacent an interior surface of the vehicle cabin, with one of the fabric layers being an inboard layer, and the other of the fabric layers being an outboard layer, the inflatable curtain also having a lower edge spaced from the upper attachment edge, a gas-flow passage extending along the upper attachment edge, an inflatable region formed between the upper attachment edge and the lower edge which is divided into a plurality of cells by a plurality of partitions extending substantially transversely relative to the axis of the gas-flow passage, the cells communicating with the gas-flow passage, each of the mounting elements being positioned substantially centrally of a corresponding adjacent pair of the partitions such that no portion of each of the mounting elements is aligned with either of the partitions of the corresponding adjacent pair of the partitions, the lower edge of the inflatable curtain being movable from a stowed position in which the curtain is in an uninflated condition to a deployed position when the curtain is in an inflated condition by inflation of the inflatable region of the inflatable curtain, the inflatable curtain being at least partially rolled-up in the stowed position to form a roll with the lower edge within the roll and with the inboard layer of fabric forming the exterior of the roll.

2. (Original) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein the partitions are seams.

3. (Previously Presented) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 2 wherein the seams are formed by stitching through the inboard layer and the outboard layer.

4. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 2 wherein the seams are integrally woven into the air-bag ~~is formed from one piece of woven fabric that forms the at least two super-imposed layers of fabric.~~

5. (Original) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 2 wherein the seams are formed by adhesion.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein a portion of the outboard layer of the inflatable curtain extends from the upper attachment edge and then turns to join the roll.

8. (Previously Presented) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein straps extend from spaced-apart points on the air-bag, each of the straps having a free end adapted to be secured to a respective anchoring point formed on the interior of the vehicle cabin.

9. (Previously Presented) An air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the air-bag is enclosed in a sleeve.

10. (Previously Presented) An air-bag according to Claim 9 wherein parts of the air-bag extend through apertures formed in the sleeve such that the parts protrude from the sleeve.

11. (Previously Presented) An air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the air-bag is connected to a gas generator.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing an air-bag for a vehicle cabin for deployment beside an interior surface of the vehicle cabin, comprising the steps of providing the air-bag having an inflatable curtain formed from at least two superimposed layers and having an upper attachment edge provided with a plurality of mounting elements for mounting the inflatable curtain in the vehicle cabin for deployment beside an interior surface of the vehicle cabin, with one of the layers being an inboard layer, and the other of the layers being an outboard layer, the inflatable curtain also having a lower edge spaced from the upper attachment edge, a gas-flow passage extending along the upper attachment edge, and between the upper attachment edge and the lower edge an inflatable region which is divided into a plurality of cells by a plurality of partitions extending substantially transversely relative to the axis of the gas-flow passage, the cells communicating with the gas-flow passage, each of the mounting elements being positioned substantially centrally of a corresponding adjacent pair of the partitions such that no portion of each of the mounting elements is

aligned with either of the partitions of the corresponding adjacent pair of the partitions,
the lower edge of the inflatable curtain being movable from a stowed position to a deployed position by inflation of the inflatable region of the inflatable curtain, the method further comprising the steps of rolling at least part of the inflatable curtain with the lower edge within the roll and with the inboard layer forming the exterior of the roll.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 12 wherein the air-bag is folded such that a portion of the outboard layer of the inflatable curtain extends from the upper attachment edge and then turns to join the roll.

14. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 12, the method further comprising the step of encasing the air-bag in a sleeve.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 14 further comprising the step of locating parts of the air-bag to extend through apertures formed in the sleeve such that the parts protrude from the sleeve.

16. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 12 further comprising the step of connecting the air-bag to a gas generator.

17. (New) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein each of the pair of adjacent partitions has one of the mounting elements positioned substantially centrally therebetween.

18. (New) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 12 wherein each of the pair of adjacent partitions has one of the mounting elements positioned substantially centrally therebetween.